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SOLVE THIS FIRE ALARM TROUBLE AT ONCE!

We call upon local authorities to make a change—at once—in the method of turning in a fire alarm in Appomattox. It is incredible that local citizens should have to endure a repitition of fantastic experience of the last Sabbath, when the fire siren made the night unholy and tortuous with nearly continuous alarm. We counted nearly eighty blasts of the siren in just one outburst.

Some other system must be found and it must be installed promptly.

Since Appomattox is not the only town having a dial phone system, and not the only town having a fire truck and a volunteer fire company to be summoned, we suggest that an immediate investigation be made to ascertain what works. Merely to change without forethough might be of no avail.

We repeat: something must be done to halt the continual blaring of the fire siren when there is no known fire.

WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

(From: The New York Times)

The Chinese troops in Korea are proving that the way of the transgressor is not always hard. If he comes in overwhelming strength, no matter how wrong and wicked he is, he can win victories. The defending armies, no matter how good their cause, can be driven back. The lonely places in the wilderness where [illegible] for liberty may be [illegible] overcome but the battle—may nevertheless have been lost.

In that time and in those places let us always make that qualification. The battle for liberty cannot be permanently lost, for the hunger for liberty cannot die in human hearts. It has been said that some peoples in the modern world want food more than they want liberty. We need not quibble. A starving man has but one instinct. But the food that saves his life—if, indeed, that food is available under a dictatorial system that treats human life like that of the insects in the dust—will also keep alive his higher yearnings.

We have seen defeat in Korea. We have seen an attempted drawing together of the Western World to cope with that defeat. We have seen President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee agreeing on the basic principle that aggression shall not be rewarded. The Western World has moved slowly. It has awakened slowly to the crisis. But it is awakening—it will move.

Let us look with unlowered gaze at this defeat. It has resulted from failures in preparation, from errors in execution, from unhappy accidents. But it is an army that has been defeated, not a cause. The cause was good when the First United Nations troops landed in Korea. It is still good. It could not be compromised then. It cannot be compromised now. To compromise would be treason to the wounded and the dead who shed their blood for the undying principle of freedom. We would have honored them in victory. We honor them in defeat.

It is more difficult today than at almost any time in modern history to forecast—or even imagine—the future. The leaders of the free nations want no military adventures. They will continue to hope that even the transgressor and aggressors will recoil from the prospect of universal war.

But they will not abandon as of no avail the cause for which the blood of United Nations soldiers has been spent in Korea. The way of the transgressor, if he follows it far and long enough, will end at last at a sing that reads, No thoroughfare.

Richmond Rebels defeat Southern Conference All-Stars in football game, 14 to 0.

Ohio State begins search for new football coach.

North Carolina State dominates basketball play in the Southern Conference.

Air Forces budgets hits total of fourteen billions.

HEALTH OFFICER ASKS CAUTION DURING HOLIDAY

"A merry Christmas, free of sickness and accidents, is within the reach of those who are careful," stated Dr. L. J. Roper, State Health Commissioner this week. "Certain accidents and threats to health are prevalent at this time of the year. Fortunately they can be prevented by sensible health and safety measures."

Electric lights that contribute so much to the gaiety and beauty of indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations should be examined for loose connections, short circuits and other safety hazards .Candles should not be used. They are frequent causes of fire and injury, especially to young children.

"Toys for small boys and girls should be selected for safety as well as for amusing or educational qualities. Sharp edges and small objects that might be swallowed should be avoided.

"Young and old people should remember to drive carefully to avoid automobile accidents. Traffic is likely to be heavy during the Christmas season and streets and highways may become slippery from inclement weather.

"Good personal hygiene is as important during Christmas as at any other time. To feel good and to keep up a healthy disease resistance, people should get adequate, or nearly adequate, sleep. Further, they should eat meat, vegetables, fruits and milk to balance the large amounts of sugar and carbohydrates eaten during the holidays."

HOMEMAKER'S ITEMS

Keeping your Christmas tree in water is still the best method of "fire-proofing."

J. W. O'Byrne, forester at V. P. I., says if the tree is kept in water it will remain as fresh as a tree can be, and there will be few falling needles.

However, all trees will dry out to some extent when cut. Select the tree you want, but let it stand uncut until a short time before Christmas.

O'Byrne suggests this method of setting up a Christmas tree:

Get a broad bottom pail (a five-gallon paint pail is excellent), or a small tub. Put a few inches of sand in the bottom. Cut off the base of the tree, preferably on a slight slope so there will be fresh wood to take up the water.

Stand the tree in the sand and fill the rest of the pail with stones. The stones will support the tree.

Keep the sand saturated with water. Set the tree as far from your source of heat as possible.

O'Byrne also warns against using loose cotton for "snow" around the base of the tree. If you must have something white around the tree, use a sheet. It will burn, but not like loose cotton.

Other "don'ts":

Don't use candles. If electricity is not available, it is beeter to do without lights.

Don't give toys which involve the use of fire, or encourage the use of matches.

MEETING CALLED BY FEDERATION HEAD

An executive board meeting of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs has been called by the president, Mrs. C. E. Myers, of Studley, for December 11 and 12 in Roanoke.

Expected to attend are goal chairmen, electric officers, and district vice-presidents.

New list of Virginia casualties in Korea announced.

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Include among your gifts, to the rising generation, savings passbooks of this bank. From a modest beginning many a savings account has grown to become one of the greatest assets in its owner's life. Here, truly, is a present with a future!

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Uncle Sam Says

It's good to think that on this Thanksgiving, 329 years after the first observance, we Americans can still give thanks in a land where our faith and freedom stand as firm as Plymouth Rock. It is our job to preserve these by assuring our own financial security, by making our present prosperity sterile for our future. All it requires is the regular, systematic investment of savings invested for you through the Payroll Savings Plan. Start by buying regularly U. S. Savings Bonds. Enroll now where you are employed.

U. S. Treasury Department

Force from New Zealand off to join UN troops in Korea.

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[illegible]ty Chapel, Dec. 13.- We con- [illegible] Miss Mildred Mann in win- [illegible]scholarship in her 4-H Club [illegible] Miss Mann recently made a [illegible] Chicago.

[illegible]and Mrs. Percy Garrett were [illegible]Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Scruggs.

[illegible]ther Jamerson yisited Mr. and [illegible]Marvin Reynolds last Wednes-

[illegible]home demonstration meeting [illegible]st Thursday night in the [illegible] Mrs. W.T. Childress. Mrs. [illegible] Coleman and Mrs. J. J. [illegible]r. gave the demonstration [illegible]dy making.

[illegible]to hear that Sonny Smith

[illegible]s Nancy Crowder, who has [illegible] visiter the past two weeks [illegible] and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr., [illegible]turned to her home in Lynch-

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 12.- We are really having some winter weather now. Seems like we can sing the songs of a White Christmas!

Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents here.

A. B. Ferguson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Mrs. Howard Glover and daughter, Eulalia, and Herbert Greene called to see Mrs. G. W. Glover Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard St. John and son, Bobby called to see Mr. and Mrs. Julian White and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald called to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of Vera Sunday.

Mid-week Prayer Service is to be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Harris Wednesday night.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover spent the night recently with Miss Doris Austin.

Jimmie Miller, who has been a patient in the Richmond Medical Hospital for polio, returned home Thursday and is getting along just fine.

AGRONOMISTS TO LIST RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for crop varities for planting in Virginia in 1951 will be made at a meeting at V. P. I. January 9, 10, and 11.

The meeting will be the annual one of the agronomy staffs of V. P. I.'s Experiment Station and Extension Service.

Agronomy Department Head H. L. Dunton said varietal recommendations will be made for all small grain, forage, and pasture crops.

In addition, the group will make any necessary changes in fertilizer recommendations, and in cooperation with plant pathologists and entomologists, will make suggestions for disease and insect control.

Those attending the meeting will include scientists from the Experiment Station's outlying field units, as well as members of the resident staff.

Scalzi to be manager of the Lynchburg Cardinals baseball team next year. Managed the Portsmouth Cubs last season.

Bedford sets up civilian defense organization.

Despite threats of new war, folks in Europe are planning for a traditional Christmas celebration.

Ten per cent boost in milk sales foreseen for 1951.

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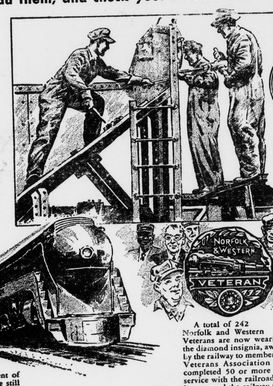
The people who live in the communities along the Norfolk and Western are "partners" with this railroad. Each benefits by the cooperation and progress of the other. For this reason, you'll be interested in these significant facts about the Norfolk and Western — *your railroad.* Read them, and check your N. & W. I.Q.

For making the best overall safety record among the larger railroads of the United States in 1949, the N. & W. this year was awarded the Harriman Memorial Gold Medal — the FIFTH time the N. & W. has won this highest honor in railroad safety. The railroad also won, for the third time, the National Safety Council's award for the best railroad employee safety record in 1949.

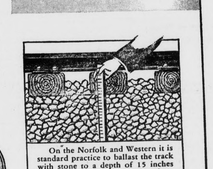


Our first streamlined, coal-burning steam passenger locomotive, Class J, No. 600, built in October, 1941, in N. & W. Roanoke Shops, has rolled up a total mileage of 1,500,000, or the equivalent of encircling the earth 60 times. No. 600 and the other J's are still going strong.

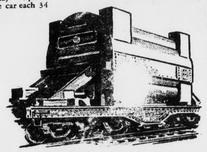
Members of the Norfolk and Western Family have passed their 22nd million-dollar milestone in the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan.

A total of 242 Norfolk and Western Veterans are now wearing the diamond insignia, awarded by the railway to members of the Veterans Association who have completed 50 or more years of active service with the railroad. These Veterans have served the railway for a total of more than 12,100 years. Of the total, 74 are still in active service and 168 are retired.

The N. & W.'s Roanoke Shops is now rebuilding (heavy repairs) 50-ton coal hopper cars at the rate of 14 cars per 8-hour working day — equivalent to about one car each 34 minutes.



On the Norfolk and Western it is standard practice to ballast the track with stone to a depth of 15 inches under the cross ties, except where local conditions require that a different depth be used. This makes a strong, solid roadbed.



In October, 1950, the Norfolk and Western hauled from Hagerstown, Md. to Winston-Salem, N. C., the heaviest single shipment ever moved over our railroad — a generator stator, the weight of which was 400,000 pounds. The car on which the shipment was loaded weighed 111,700 pounds, making a total weight of 511,700 pounds.

✓ The railroad maintains 65 merchandise freight, coal and passenger traffic offices in 39 principal cities strategically located throughout the nation. The off-line representatives in these offices are experts in the field of rates, routes and schedules. They are, in effect, the "sales force" for the *Norfolk and Western.*

✓ Norfolk and Western taxes for 1950 will amount to approximately $26,765,000, or about $1,260 for every employee.

✓ There are approximately 22,000 owners of capital stock of the Norfolk and Western Railway.

✓ Last year the Norfolk and Western used 2,033,938 tons of coal for locomotive fuel.

✓ There are about 4,000 telephones in use on the N. & W. system.

✓ The new roomette-bedroom sleeping cars now in service on our railroad have an air-conditioning system which provides passengers with 100% fresh air, cleaned and tempered to weather conditions at all times. The N. & W. cars are the first in railroad history to have this type of 100% air-conditioning system.

✓ During 1949, Norfolk and Western dining cars served 309,364 meals. For each dollar taken in for providing these meals the railroad spent $1.78.

✓ The oldest community which the N. & W. serves is Hopewell, Va., once named City Point. It was settled in 1613, only six years after the establishment of Jamestown, first permanent English settlement in the New World. Hopewell and City Point are now one city.

✓ The Norfolk and Western owns 56,782 revenue freight cars — more freight cars per mile of road than any other railroad more than 250 miles in length. This number includes 46,400 coal cars.

✓ Employees of the N. & W.'s Shenandoah Division worked more than 2,255,000 man-hours in 1949 with but one employee injured. This remarkable showing was the best Safety Record ever made by any operating division on the Norfolk and Western.

✓ During the first nine months of this year the Norfolk and Western Railway handled a total of 36,564,796 tons of revenue freight. 79.99% of this freight originated on our line.

✓ The Norfolk and Western's property investment in 1949 per employee averaged $30,664.

✓ Today, a modern, streamlined passenger train, such as The Powhatan Arrow, costs approximately $1,185,000. This includes the cost of the locomotive, five coaches, diner and tavern lounge car. Twenty years ago, a passenger train of the same number of units of equipment would have cost only about $220,000.

✓ Since the end of World War II, the Norfolk and Western has spent and authorized nearly $110,000,000 for improvements to its property and equipment.

Norfolk and Western Railway